

# **TRANSITIONAL SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT**

## **STIMULUS FUNDING:**

## **BENEFITS CALWORKS/REP PARTICIPANTS AND THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

## **EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUNDS (ECF)**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is utilizing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) ECF to expand subsidized employment opportunities, with a goal of placing **10,000 participants** in subsidized jobs by March 2010.

Subject to requirements established by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, the California Department of Social Services will designate a baseline period from past subsidized employment expenditures. Once the baseline is reached, Los Angeles will draw down 80% of its expanded subsidized employment costs from ECF. The remaining 20% can be offset by public, private or non-profit employer's contributions of cash or by the costs incurred for supervising subsidized employees.

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Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) was developed for participants who remain unemployed or underemployed after receiving services and job search assistance.

The goal is to provide participants with hands-on experience in a real work setting acquiring wages and new skills, assisting them to be more marketable. The County's primary contractor for subsidized employment is the City of Hawthorne, South Bay Workforce Investment Board, which in turn subcontracts with WorkSource Centers.

## **PARTICIPANTS AND JOBS**

This great opportunity is open to all CalWORKs and Refugee Employment Program (REP) participants with different levels of skills, experience and interests.

Participants will be placed in subsidized employment for up to 40 hours per week at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour for up to 12 months. Enrollments in subsidized employment will begin in May 2009, and employment referrals will cease in March 2010 (to ensure all participants receive at least six months of subsidized employment).

Participants will be placed into subsidized jobs in all sectors of the economy, and participants will be matched with jobs that complement their Employment Plans. Employment slots are being identified in other County departments and public sector agencies, in community-based organizations and nonprofit companies, as well as with private sector for-profit firms.

**Participants interested in TSE are to contact their designated GAIN Services Worker, GROW or REP Case Manager.**

Interested employers can visit [www.employmentstimulus.org](http://www.employmentstimulus.org) for more information.